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SUBJECT: EIGHTH MEETING OF ASEAN PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. EIGHTH MEETING OF ASEAN PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING WAS HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR JUNE 14-15, 1976. IT WAS ATTENDED BY DELEGATES FROM ALL THE ASEAN COUNTRIES. CHAIRMAN OF MEETING WAS MOHD. NOOR HASSAN, LEADER OF MALAYSIAN DELEGATION; VICE-CHAIRMAN WAS CAPT. VICTORINO BASCO, PRINCIPAL DELEGATE FROM PHILIPPINES.

2. COMMITTEE, THOUGH ONLY MEETING FOR TWO DAYS, SEEMED TO ACCOMPLISH ITS BUSINESS EFFICIENTLY AND AMICABLY. IT CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED REPORTS OF ASEAN EXPORT GROUP ON CONTAINERIZATION AND MARINE POLLUTION, AGREED TO ADOPTION OF AN ASEAN CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR CONTROL AND MITIGATION OF
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MARINE POLLUTION CAUSED FROM DISCHARGE OF OIL INTO SEA AREAS

IN ASEAN REGION, CONSIDERED REPORTS OF FIRST MEETING OF FEDERATION OF ASEAN SHIPOWNERS' ASSOCIATION (FASA) WHICH MET IN NOVEMBER OF LAST YEAR AND FIRST MEETING OF ASEAN PORT AUTHORITNES WHICH MET IN SEPTEMBER, NOTED AND WEL-COMED CREATION OF FASA AND STEPS TAKEN TO FORM AN ASSOCIATION OF ASEAN PORT AUTHORITIES NOTHING NEED FOR AN ASEAN-BASED, CONTROLLED, AND ORIENTED SHIPPING CONFERENCE, RECOMMENDED THAT AN INDEPTH STUDY SHOULD BE MADE OF ASEAN SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS WITH VIEW TO POOLING ASEAN SHIPPING RESOURCES FOR EFFICIENT AND ECONOMIC CARRIAGE OF INTER-AND INTRA-ASEAN TRADE, AND AGREED TO ACCEPT IN PRINCIPAL OFFER OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (IMCO) OF ASSISTANCE TO ASEAN.

3. ONE JUNE 17-18, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SHIPPING COMMITTEE MEETING, FASA HELD ITS SECOND MEETING. CHAIRMAN WAS MALAYSIAN, SULAIMAN ABDULLAH OF MALAYSIAN INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING COMPANY (MISC), VICE CHAIRMAN WAS CAPT. BASCO, WHO HAD BEEN VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE PRECEDING MEETING OF SHIPPING COMMITTEE. FASA DID LITTLE MORE DURING ITS MEETING THAN TO MAKE GESTURES OF APPROVAL TOWARDS ACTIONS OF SHIPPING COMMITTEE AND TO DO SOME WORK ON IMPROVING ITS OWN ADMINISTRATIVE EFFECTIVENESS: IT ADOPTED DRAFT CONSTITUTION OF FASA AND RECOMMENDED THAT GOVERNING BODIES OF NATIONAL SHIPOWNERS' ASSOCIATION RATIFY ADOPTED CONSTITUTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AT LEAST BY MID-SEPTEMBER 1976. MEETING AGREED TO HAVE INTERIM CHAIRMANSHIP BE ENTRUSTED TO INDONESIAN NATIONAL SHIPOWNERS' ASSOCIATION WHICH WILL ESTABLISH AN INTERIM SECRETARIAT IN INDONESIA. IT ENDORSED SHIPPING COMMITTEE'S PROPOSED STUDY OF ASEAN SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS AND MADE MOTION OF APPRECIATION FOR WELCOME EXTENDED TO FASA ON ITS FOUNDING BY FEDERATION OF ASEAN SHIPPERS' COUNCILS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. MALAYSIAN MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICIAL WHO ATTENDED THE SHIPPING COMMITTEE MEETING AND WHO IS INVOLVED IN SHIPPING MATTERS COMMENTED TO EMBOFFICER THAT HIS MINISTRY VIEWS SHIPPING AS MOST PROMISING AREA OF EFFECTIVE ACTION BY ASEAN SINCE NATIONS HAVE COMMON PROBLEMS WHICH CONCERTED ACTION MIGHT HELP SOLVE MENTIONING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARTICULARLY RECURRING PROBLEM OF HIGH RATES LEVIED BY FAR EAST SHIPPING CONFERENCE ON ASEAN CARGO TO EUROPE. CONCERNING FASA, HE SAID THAT THIS ORGANIZATION PRESENTLY EXISTS ONLY ON PAPER EVEN THOUGH THEE HAVE BEEN TWO MEETINGS. IT WILL TAKE CONSIDERABLE TIME FOR IT TO BECOME AN EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION. SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS WILL FIRST HAVE TO BE SIFTED OUT, FOR EXAMPLE, MALAYSIA, THOUGH ATTENDING FASA MEETINGS, DOES NOT HAVE A NATIONAL SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATION; IN FACT ONLY

HAD ONE MAJOR SHIPOWNER: MISC. HE UNDERSTOOD WITHIN THE PHILIPPINES THERE WERE TWO SHIPOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS, AND SINCE ONLY ONE COULD BE REPRESENTED IN FASA, THE PHILIPPINES WOULD HAVE TO REACH SOME SORT OF RESOLUTION OR COMPROVISE. REGARDING VARIOUS ASEAN SHIPPING-RELATED BODIES AND THEIR EFFECTIVENESS, HE COMMENTED THAT MALAYSIA DOES NOT REALISTICALLY EXPECT ANY SHORT TERM RESULTS BUT BELIEVES THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE CONSIDERABLE LONGTERM POTENTIAL FOR IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF ASEAN SHIPPING. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. UNDERHILL

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